

Amendments to the Specification:

Insert the following paragraph at page 1, between lines 6 and 8:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application:

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This application is a continuation, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of copending international application No. PCT/DE99/00059, filed January 14, 1999, which designated the United States; this application also claims the priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 119, of German Application No. 198 04 591.3, filed February 5, 1998; the prior applications are herewith incorporated by reference in their entirety.--